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	Submitted by:	Allen McKinley, Finance Director/Treasurer

AGENDA HEADING:

Setting date of hearing for the sale of General Obligation Refunding Capital Loan Notes not to exceed \$90,000,000.

SYNOPSIS:

To refinance the series 2002E, 2002F, 2003C, 2003D, 2005A and 2005B bonds requires a public hearing prior to Council authorization to direct the sale of the debt. The hearing is scheduled for the regular Council meeting on October 11, 2010.

FISCAL IMPACT:

A net present value savings of at least \$4 million over the life of the bonds (15 year maturity) is anticipated to be realized (5% savings). The net present value savings are estimated to include 35 bps of cushion, so if interest rates remain as they are, the net present value savings will exceed 5%. Approximately 20% of the savings (\$0.8 million) will accrue to tax increment and 80% (\$3.2 million) will accrue to the regular debt service levy. The refinancing of debt will not extend the terms of the existing debt.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The 2003C, 2003D and 2005A bonds will be called on June 1, 2011. The 2002E and 2002F bonds will be called on June 1, 2012, and the 2005B bonds will be called on June 1, 2013. These dates represent the earliest possible dates calls can be made in accordance with the existing bond covenants of the outstanding debt being refinanced. The anticipated sale date to refinance all of the bonds, except the 2005A series, is October 27, 2010, with the proceeds put into escrow until the call date(s). The notes to refund the 2005A series are scheduled be sold in February/March, 2011.

Since we are refunding bonds with call dates occurring 9 to 33 months into the future, there is an offsetting carrying cost (negative arbitrage) that is computed into the net savings calculation. The negative arbitrage amounts to \$2.5 million. That is to say if interest rates were to remain at the current historic lows over the next 33 months and the refunding bonds were sold just prior to the call dates the City could experience an additional savings of \$2.5 million. However, if interest rates increase, the cost of the new debt will be higher and it could erase the potential savings. The decision to refinance now guarantees us savings at nearly twice the industry standard for triggering a refinancing.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

October 11, 2010: Hearing on the issuance of refunding notes, approval of offering statement and directing sale of notes.

October 27, 2010: Sale of notes and special Council meeting to award to lowest bidder.

February/March, 2011: Sale of notes and special Council meeting to award to lowest bidder.

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